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APPLICANT: FRANZ NIEDEREDER ET AL-1 (PCT)

SERIAL NO: 10/049,787 EXAMINER: C.C. SHAW

FILED: February 15, 2002 GROUP: 1725

TITLE: WELDING UNIT EQUIPPED WITH A COMMUNICATIONS
INTERFACE AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE WELDING
UNIT

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 8, 2003, with the time period for response being three months or March 8, 2004, and being extended two months or until May 8, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.